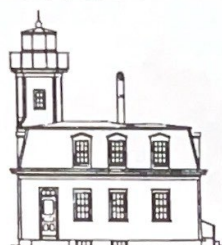


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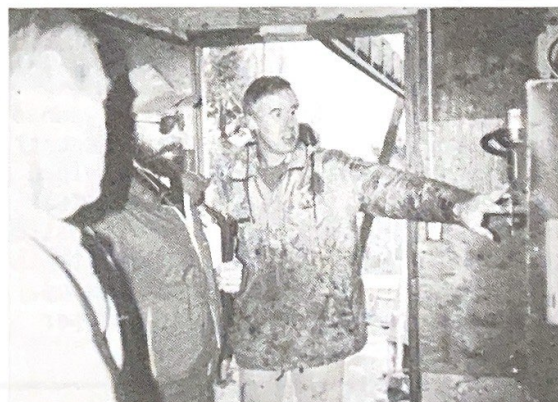
NEARLY PICTURE PERFECT - Our gorgeous multi-colored slate roof was installed during the winter with the help of John Canham and his Preservation Cooperative workers. A great team, John donated his crew for a day, while Bill O'Hanley of Newport Roofing provided the know-how.

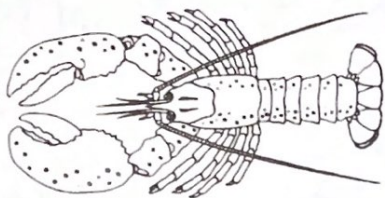
As soon as the trim is painted and the gutter soffit is nailed in place, we can take the scaffolding down and start scheduling "Artist Days." If you need a ride out to the island to paint, draw or photograph the lighthouse, please contact Charlotte Johnson at 847-4454.



HOW MANY JIGAWATTS DID YOU SAY? *Above* Solar electric genius Bill Smith (second from left) explains the efficiency of his photovoltaic collectors to Newport Electrical Inspector Richard Newman (left), Curt Bunting, and Jerry Borges of Shamrock Electric (right).

Below Bill describes the meter panel in his battery storage shed to Jerry Borges and Curt Bunting. Bill's system is so efficient, his electric bill is often under \$3.00 (which is probably the meter service charge). When there are a number of cloudy days in a row and his storage goes down, being in Jamestown, Bill can still get electricity from Newport Electric, then his bill goes up to a whopping \$6.00/month! At Rose Island, we'll be relying on a diesel generator for backup.



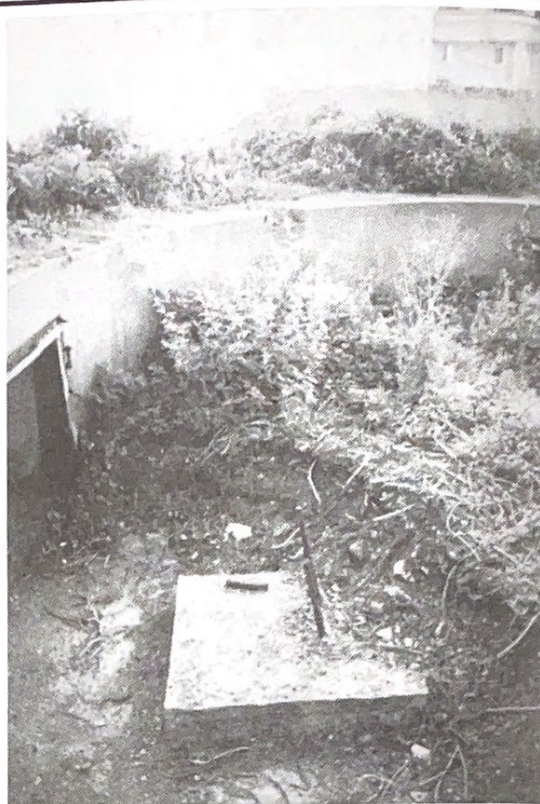


DO YOU SUPPORT THE ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION? Our supporters can look forward to receiving advance notice of our late summer and fall events, (including picnics, a dinner cruise and our famous clambake which is always a sell out).

If you are looking for what Trudy Coxé called an "intoxicating" project to support, and don't want to miss out on the fun, won't you consider joining now?



EARTH DAY TRASH COLLECTION - Trash washes up on Rose Island like it is Narragansett Bay's litter basket. Earth Day provided an opportunity for island lovers to fill about twenty bags with styrofoam, plastic bottles and other non-biodegradable trash which, along with pressure-treated wood, gets brought back to Newport for proper disposal.



KNOW ANYONE EITHER EAGER FOR (OR POSSIBLY DESERVING OF) HARD LABOR? This World War II gun tub will soon be home to our solar electric panels, as soon as we can dig out three feet of dirt, that is! Volunteers are welcome to bring their favorite shovel and when there's nothing else to do, feel free to dig right in! Literally! Please!

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Basic Membership Rates:

Senior or Student=\$5; Individual=\$10; Family or Business=\$25; Inspector=\$50; Superintendent=\$100.

Keeper Membership Rates: (When restorations are complete, optional initiation includes a night for two at the lighthouse) Assistant Keepers=\$250; Associate Keepers=\$500; Head Keepers=\$1000.

Memberships run concurrently with our fiscal year and are renewed once-a-year in July.

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Antoinette Downing for presenting her slide talk on "Preservation in Newport" at our Annual Meeting, which was held at Eisenhower House on July 8, 1990. We asked Mrs. Downing to repeat the presentation she originally composed for the National Trust Advisory Board, which met in Newport this spring. Bubbling with enthusiasm and concern she urged Newporters "to stand up for keeping this dear city as nearly as it once was."



INTERIOR STARTS TO GO BACK TO THE WAY IT ONCE WAS with new studs recently installed by Bob Zeigler and Joe Davis. (Area to become the museum's kitchen is shown.)

Board Member List for Fiscal Year 1990-91

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr. Larry Allen | General Membership |
| Mr. Alfred L. Angel | Newport Taxpayers Assoc |
| Mr. Christopher D. Barlow | General Membership |
| Mr. Bruce T. Bartlett | Newport City Staff |
| To Be Announced | Newport City Staff |
| Mr. Curtis W. Bunting | General Membership |
| Mr. William Cooper | General Membership |
| Mr. Ronald F. Dick | Newport City Council |
| Mr. Gary Esposito | General Membership |
| Mr. Glenn R. Gardiner | General Membership |
| Mrs. Hope Drury Goddard | Save The Bay |
| Mrs. Brenda Gordon | Point Association |
| Mr. Sidney S. Gorham, III | Ochre Point Assoc. |
| Ms. Charlotte E. Johnson | General Membership |
| Mr. Patrick G. Kirby, II | Hill Association |
| Dr. Neil C. Leerssen | Agassiz Beach Assoc. |
| Mrs. Dana Magee | General Membership |
| Mr. Edward W. Smith | Museum of Yachting |
| Mrs. Ann B. Canole Twomey | 5th Ward Imprvmt. Assoc |
| Mr. Hugh Whittle | General Membership |

THE GRANT BALANCING ACT goes like this: We were "awarded" \$20,800 in 1989 and an additional \$36,899 for 1990-91 from the Bicentennial Lighthouse Fund. Both are matching reimbursement grants. This means we can't collect any money until we first prove that we already spent it...then we get reimbursed half the total we spent. Realizing the cash flow problem this creates, the R.I. Historical Preservation Commission has come to our aid with an additional paid-up-front grant of \$23,765, which we can collect as soon as the bonds are sold this summer. In the meantime, we have borrowed the money at no interest.

OUR FINAL BUILDING AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS (which come from the City) hinge on CRMC approval of our over-all rehab program. This is the FINAL State hurdle in the permitting process which we began with ever-so-high hopes back in 1986!

Only after we have the final "OK" from CRMC will we be able to calculate a move-in date. The question then is how quickly can we raise enough money to plumb, wire, insulate and plaster the walls; install all the utility systems and finish the keepers' quarters. Our total fundraising goal of about \$75,000 will complete the project. A summary of this year's budget looks like this:

1990-91 BUDGET SUMMARY

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| LIGHTHOUSE BUILDING REHAB COSTS | |
| Utility Systems | 57,200 |
| Exterior | 5,000 |
| Keepers' Quarters (2nd Fl.) | 25,130 |
| First Floor Basics | 11,335 |
| Museum (1st Fl.) | 15,615 |
| TOTAL LIGHTHOUSE REHAB | \$114,280 |
| FOUNDATIONS AND OUT-BUILDINGS | 17,100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & BOAT SERVICES | 6,000 |
| LIGHTHOUSE OPERATING COSTS | 10,000 |
| ADMINISTRATION | 4,700 |
| TOTAL 1990-91 BUDGET | \$152,080 |

CASH, LCVP AND GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Bank Accounts | 1,024 |
| LCVP (Landing Craft) ¹ | 15,000 |
| 1989 Federal Bicentennial Grant | 20,800 |
| 1990 Federal Bicentennial Grant | 36,899 |
| 1990 R.I. Historical Grant | 23,765 |
| TOTAL | \$ 97,488 |
| LIABILITIES (loans) ² | -20,000 |
| NET AVAILABLE FUNDS | \$ 77,488 |
| Budget Less Net Available Funds | |
| =BALANCE TO BE RAISED | \$ 74,592 |

¹We refer to our Landing Craft as our not-quite-liquid-floating asset, as it is to be sold when the material hauling is done.

²Interest-free loan to be paid back from grants.

OLDPORT LAUNCH BECOMES CONFERENCE CENTER as our engineers go over site blueprints with CRMC's Ken Anderson (center). We give great thanks to Joe Frisella (left) and Ron Robbins (right) of Frisella Engineering in Wakefield, for nearly two years' *pro bono* engineering services surveying and designing our septic system.



JOUSTING AT LIGHTHOUSES? No, seagulls! Seriously, after Joe Frisella got bonked, Curt Bunting (Center) and CRMC staff members Ken Anderson (Left) and David Reis (Right) donned make-shift hard hats and held up long poles to protect themselves from being attacked by the nesting seagulls. These photos were taken when CRMC visited Rose Island this time a year ago.



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